PROFESSIONAL, CARDS.

HOWARD J. SPENCE, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

PUNTA GORDA, - - FLORIDA

ISAAC H. TRABUE, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.

PUNTA GORDA, - FLORIDA

JOHN H. HANCOCK, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.

FT. OGDEN. - - - FLORIDA.

W. H. BURLAND, M. D., PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, PUNTA GORDA. - - FLORIDA.

D. N. McQUEEN,

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,

Offers his professional services to the people Punta Gorda and vicinity, Office: Gilchrist Block, Upstairs.

DR. G. M. VINCENT PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, Offers his professional services to the people of Punta Gorda and vicinity.

OFFICE OVER ROBERTS' DRUG STORE.

PIONEER BARBER SHOP J. RASCH, PROPRIETOR,

NEXT DOOR TO POST OFFICE.

PUNTA GORDA, - FLORIDA.

WILLIAM CROUCH,

REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AGENCY. TOWN LOTS AND IM-PROVED PROPERTY A SPECIALTY TAXES PAID FOR NON-RESIDENTS.

PUNTA GORDA, - - FLORIDA,

STAR SHAVING PARLOR,

A. B. COLEMAN, Proprietor. HAIR CUTTING, SHAVING, SHAMPOOING AND TREATING OF ALL FORMS OF SCALP DISEASES. First Class Work. Satisfaction Guaranteed. CHARCOAL FOR SALE.

CITY BAKERY,

PUNTA GORDA, FLA.

H. W. SMITH, Prop.

Fresh Bread, Cakes and Pies Baked Daily. Large Stock

Purest Confectioneries and Fruits FREE CITY DELIVERY

FOR SALE

Timber, Prairie, Orange, Vegetable and Pineapple lands FENCE and Town Lots, for sale by

ALBERT W. CILCHRIST. Insurance, Tax Agent, Real Estate.

PUNTA GORDA, . - FLORIDA

Foley's Honey and Tar for children, safe, sure. No opiates.

MALARIA AND YELLOW JACK

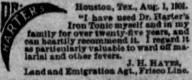
"The widow of Dr. Lazeare, who, in the employ of the Government, went to Cuba, was inoculated with Yellow Fever through mosquito bites, and died, applied to Congress for relief to-day."

The above tells of the sad culmination of a series of experiments by the Government, all of which proved conclusively that the familiar mosquito is a dangerous vehicle for carrying Malaria, "Yellow Jack," and other malarial fevers.



Those who are exposed to mosquitos or other malarial influences should take warning. Iron is the fighting element in the blood and provides nature with sufficient resistance to ward off disease. But if the blood is impure or impoverished, or if there is weakness, it means that the fighting qualities of the blood have been lowered, and consequently there is danger. If you would escape, keep the blood pure and properly nourished with

Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic



W. A. Roberts, Druggist,



WHEN THE DOCTOR PRESCRIBES he expects that his prescription will be filled with

Pure Drugs.

Naturally he expects they will be filled here. Our Prescription Department

has become famous. The quality of the drugs, the accuracy of the compounding and the promptness in fill- C. G. DAVIS, PRES. and GEN'L. Mo'r. ing orders are points which have cained for us the approbation of the

Moderate Prices

H. M. HIGGINBOTHAM

The Punta Gorda Jeweler. Makes a specialty of fine work. Watches,

Clocks, Jewelry, Spectacles and Eye Glasses,

Neatly and promptly repaired at W. A. Robert's Drug Store,

Punta Gorda, Fla.

For the Best,

Cool Drinks,

Confectioneries,

Ice Cream.

Fruits,

Cigars and Tobaccos. J. B. COX'S.

The ROBINSON & CO., China

Store Has just received a varied and elegant assort

ment of New Styles in CHINA.

GLASSWARE and NOTIONS

Call and ee the New Goods

POSTS

THOUSANDS OF THEM

Delivered promptly anywhere wanted. Special Prices on Car-Load lots. Also,

BEACH SHELL Satisfaction Guaranteed -BY THE CAR LOAD-

AT THE LOWEST PRICES

J. H. VINING

PUNTA GORDA, -:- PLORIDA.



HANDSOMEST

ROCKERS In The State. WE HAVE EVERYTHING

urniture and Hardware.

FURS AND SKINS WANTED, I will pay the highest cash price for coon, fox, oposum, polecat and other skins. James A. Newsome, Punta Gorda, Fla.

Geo.T.Brown &Co.

-WHOLESALE-

FISH AND OYSTER

→ DEALERS ※

Punta Gorda, - - - Florida.

Punta Gorda Ice & - - - Power Company,

Punta Gorda, Florida.

* Manufacturers of * PURE ICE

* and * Distilled Water

* Daily Capacity * 25 TONS ICE.

SEASONED

Stove wood, House Blocks and Fence Posts, Delivered on short Notice,

HEAVY HAULING A SPECIALTY.

Soda Water and Extracts to Order.

CLAYTON PORTER. Punta Gorda.

R. S. WINDHAM & Successors to Z. H. Curry,

PUNTA GORDA, FLA.,

AND SHIPPERS OF

WHOLESALE DEALERS

Fancy

Gulf Coast

Oysters.

ORDERS PROMPTLY AND

CAREFULLY FILLED

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

Again Open to the **Merchants of Punta** Corda and Vicinity.

from New Orleans via Southern Pacific Co. to Galveston, Mallory line to Key West and at the latest. If Wharton accompanied ta Gorda at the following and 3, and there was no sign of Billy. through rates:

Class-- 1 2 3 4 5 6 Per 100 lbs. \$1.45 1.30 1.25 1.05 .90 .75

The Schr. "SILVER SPRAY" is now making weekly trips, weather permitting, Panta Gorda to Key West and return, making close connecons at Key West with all transpertation lines uching at that point. Shipments from Eastern points should be made

via Mallory line to Key West, marked care of Schr. "SILVER SPARY," to secure the cheap-est freight rates offered into this territory.

A. F. Dewey, PUNTA GORDA, FLA

J. R. ELLIOTT ACENTS FOR W.L.DOUGLAS SHOES BEST IN THE WORLD

Bugle Calls...

By CAPTAIN DRAYLE

One day when Company B of the Seventh was returning from a scout after hostile Indians a boy of ten who had been hiding in a dry ditch suddenly leaped up before the horses. His story was the familiar one. An emigrant camp had been beset by the hostiles at night, a score of men, women and children wiped out, and the boy had escaped, he knew not how. The soldiers claimed the orphan as their own, and in a way Company B adopt-

For the first year or two it was feared that relatives might turn up or that the colonel would send him away to be adopted and cared for by civilians, but these calamities did not hap-pen. The boy gave his name as Stanley Martin, and so the chaplain wrote it down in making a record, but the soldiers called him Billy from the first day to the last. He was a bright, cheerful youngster by nature, and after time had blunted his grief no one laughed oftener than Billy. The pet-ting he received from the men of the company would have spoiled most kids, but it made Billy none the worse. He might have picked up profanity, selfishness and braggadocio, but he never did. He was encouraged to smoke and chew, but he did not fall into those bad habits. At the age of twelve he was better educated than some of the corporals, and at fourteen the commissary took him on as a clerk.

How it was arranged does not matter, but a year later Billy became Company B's bugler. He had been a

pupil until he could be taught nothing more. His bugle calls were music to the whole regiment, and let others wind the horn as they might their notes could deceive no one. And at fifteen he was as fresh faced and honest looking a ind as any father or mother could have wished to call son. There wasn't an officer in the regiment who wouldn't have been glad to chip in for a purse to send the boy to some school in the states and give him a show to make his way in civil life, but Billy had determined on a soldier's career and begged to be permitted to

stay with the Seventh. Soon after his promotion the Indians, who had somehow held on to themselves for four or five years, dug up the batchet and took to the warpath. News geached Fort McPherson after a bit that a band of them were raiding down Smoky valley. There were but two companies at the fort just then, and they held themselves in readiness to be ordered out at any moment. It was six miles from the post over to the valley, and many a time during the days of peace Billy had mounted the Indian pony given him by the quarter-master and ridden over to Wharton's ranch. Whart good natured, his wife was motherly and kind hearted, and their daughter Kate, a year younger than the bugler, was handsome enough to set a boy's heart fluttering. The soldiers caught on after awhile and had their jokes at Billy's expense, but they did not go too far. Even the roughest of the men nlways respected the boy's feelings. He blushed and stammered when they taughed at his love affair, but he went

just as often to Wharton's. One day, and for the first time, he was sent there officially. The hostiles were taking in the whole length of the valley, beating back or dodging the forces sent out, and if the Whartons did not seek the shelter of the fort they were certain to fall victims within a day or two. Other settlers had come in, but Wharton argued that the marauders would turn back before his place was reached. The colonel of the Seventh had written him almost a peremptory order to come in without an hour's delay, and Billy was the messenger deputed to carry it. He had a fast pony, was a good rider and had a cool head, and it was argued that he would be several hours ahead of danger. A light Winchester and a belt of cartridges were given him, and it was only when he was on his way that any one noticed the bugle slung to his back. He rode at a fast pace and reached Wharton's without adventure. The message must have convinced the ranchman of the necessity of haste, for he brought up his wagon and began toading it with household effects. It Shipments can now be made was while thus engaged that the Indians came upon him.

in the forenoon. It could be figured out that if Wharton refused to come the boy would be back at half past 12 Schr. "Silver Spray" to Pun- him back, then it might be an hour later. It came 1 o'clock, and it came 2 Then the colonel ordered out Company B for a scout. There were only seven ty men, but it was believed they could take care of any force likely to be met with that far down the valley. The orders were to ride on until they found the boy, and the troop was no sooner clear of the stockade than the horses were put to the gallop. They hoped to meet Billy before the crest of Snake hill was reached, but when a halt was made on the summit to breathe the horses and the troopers looked down upon Wharton's ranch, still three miles away, a dozen men cried out in chorus: "Look! Look! The redskins have

jumped the ranch and are burning the Clouds of smoke were arising from three or four points on the ranch property, but after a minute it was seen that sheds and stacks only had been that sheds and stacks only had been fired and that the house itself was still intact. But as the soldiers used their naked eyes and the officers their glasses to locate the redskins the sounds of rifle shots came floating up to them, followed by the notes of a bugle. Bugler Billy was sounding "Boots and saddles!" as a call for aid.

Company B had brought along a sypernumerary bugler. The captain nodded to him. He dismounted, climbed the big bowlder which was a landmark and from its crest sent the stirring notes back across the valley to tell the beleaguered ones that rescue was at hand. Then as he touched the saddle again the troop went thundering down the eastern slope to fall upon the Indi-ans red handed. It reached the valley, it had formed platoon front, the carbines had been unslung, when up rose 200 warriors to bar its further prog-

been implied before cover was reached. The Indians had set a trap, and the troopers had galloped into it. For half an hour the hostiles pressed the attack so vigorously that it seemed as if the troop must be wiped out, but the cool and steady fire of the soldiers finally cleared the foe away, and rifle and carbine ceased their racket for a time. As silence fell came the notes of Bil-ly's bugle to tell his comrades that he was still alive and knew of their near presence. Again he was answered, but the men shook their heads and cursed and muttered. It was plain to them that the boy and the Whartons were beset in the ranchhouse by twenty to I refer to the Japanese sugar cane. one and just as plain that they were

helpless to aid them. The Indians had

simply fallen back to cover instead of

ress and its retreat and drive it to

cover on the right. Ten saddles had

retreating. The troop was surrounded and shut in, and to attempt to break out of the circle meant a massacre, Now began a flerce attack on the ranchhouse that lasted for half an hour. When the firing had died away, Billy's bugle calls floated across the level to tell his comrades that the fort still held out, and they were answered with wild cheers. Twice again before the sun went down the Indians made flerce attacks on the intrenched troopers, to be driven back, and twice and thrice they renewed the attacks on the house. Again after the attack at o'clock Billy's bugle calls were heard, but three-quarters of an hour later the troopers sprang up and exclaimed to

each other: "Those are not Billy's notes! Some one else is sounding the call!"
"'Tis Wharton's daughter!" whis

pered the old first sergeant. "Our Billy has taught her to blow the bugle. Comrades, our boy lies dead

or wounded." Thirty minutes later, as the red rim of the summer sun was sinking out of sight, there came a last call from the ranchhouse. It was from the lips of upon the valley, or the low and quavering notes might not have reached the ears of the troopers. The girl was blowing the call of "Lights out!"

"God! God!" sobbed the men as they listened and realized what the notes meant.

"She is the last to die!" whispered head Under cover of darkness the hostiles drew off and were thirty miles away when morning came. Then the troopers closed in on the battered, half

burned ranchhouse and sat with bared heads while their officers went inside. gone. God rest them!"

Human Flesh Does Not Petrify. Petrification is simply the substitu tion of inorganic for organic matter atom by atom. This process of trans formation is unthinkably slow. As a molecule of wood or bone decays a molecule of stone takes its place. This can only occur when the air, earth or water surrounding the organic substance in question holds in solution some mineral which is readily precip itated. In the case of either wood or bone while decomposition is going on there yet remains a framework or the interstices of which may gradually be filled by the mineral substance. With flesh, be it human or animal, no such framework exists. The very rapid decay of flesh also makes it impossible for the very slow process of petrifaction to have any effect in

the way of making a transformation. The stories of petrified bodies being found in graveyards are usually "faked up" by some imaginative reporter who wishes to lengthen "string." It is true, however, that the bodies of human beings have been frequently found incrusted with a siliceous substance so as to resemble real petrifactions in every particular.

One end of the apple bears the nam of "basin" and contains the remnants of the blossom-sometimes called the eye of the fruit. This part of the apple is deep in some varieties and shallow and open in others. This is the weakest point in the whole apple as concerns the question of the keeping quality of the fruit. If the basin is shallow and the canal to the core firmly closed.

there is much less likelihood of the

fruit decaying than when it is deep,

and the evident opening connects the

center of the fruit with the surface.

The "Bastn" of an Apple.

"I had business in the far west last winter," said a Boston lawyer the oth-

er day, "and while I was stopping in a small town for a day or two a man was tried for stealing a horse. I went over to court to see how they put things through and closely followed the evi dence on both sides. There wasn't the shadow of a doubt in my mind that the prisoner was guilty, and that evening I said to his lawyer:

"'You'll lose your case tomorrow The jury must certainly convict." "Oh, I don't know,' he replied. "'You don't hope to get him off, do

"'Well, maybe not, but there'll sure ly be a disagreement. "'I shouldn't count on that if I had the case.'

"'But I do, you know,' he replied

T've got two brothers-in-law on the jury, and you don't suppose they are going back on the family, do you?"
"They didn't," laughed the narrator. "Next day the case was closed, and the jury disagreed."

PLANT JAPANESE SUGAR CANE

AND YOU CAN GROW RICH WITHOUT WORK.

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, FLA.,

November 22, 1902. I want the farmers and orange growers who lost their groves which were on high pine land, which land has been abandoned in many instances because it was belived that there was no other crop that could be successfully and profitably raised on it, to know that there is a most valuable crop that can be raised on their abandoned land at a larger profit than oranges ever were raised. It is one of the easiest and least expensive crops that can be raised, and the farmers can plant as many acres as they please without the slighest fear of failure, no matter how severe the drought

Every word that I write will be solid facts from my personal experience of two years. I had become discouraged of ever finding a crop that I could cultivate as a money crop that would pay a living profit, and I had about decided to abandon my land. as I have been 18 years trying to raise a grove and have spent a small fortune in doing so, and have no grove to show for all the money spent, besides the hard labor and anxiety attending it. I made the grove all right, and in 1895 I felt that I had a competence that would support me comfortably through old age, but, alas! fickle fortune, while in my case it did not take wings, but succumbed to the ley grip of Jack Frost. The story is old, but always to be re-

membered. Four years ago I heard of the Japanese sugar cane, said to thrive on nigh pine land, and as I was in the experimenting business I resolved to give it a trial, but against the advice of some of my friends. I secured seed enough to plant an acre at a cost of \$8, and I take pleasure in saying that are probably best adopted to the the girl again. Just then silence fell it was the best investment of \$8 that I lower south; in fact about the only ever made in my life, although I varieties that will bear in that latiplanted the seed with but very slight tude at all. The former is an hope of success, but I assure you that acquisition, but the latter is not at harvest time it was a revelation to me. I knew nothing about its culti-

but experience is the best teacher it with potash or ashes as a defense the captain as he turned away his it is experience, but I made but few against the root knot. mistakes and gained much knowl-

who lived longest, and it was she who success with the crop has been to me blew 'Lights out!' when all hope was most gratifying. My high pine land most gratifying. My high pine land its way continually into the public that I had about decided to abandon, favor. has, with the cultivation of this crop, become more valuable to me than it ever was for the cultivation of citrus fruits. My field this year, notwithstanding it has been the dryest season up to September in eighteen years that I can vouch for, as I have been in the State since 1884, was the ad-

> miration of all who have seen it. A gentleman from Georgia visited my field, which he said that he had heard so much about, to satisfy himself; and after looking it over carefully, he remarked that he came expecting to see a fine field of cane, but that he came unprepared to witness such a beautiful sight, and that if I would write the full facts about it that many would vote me the biggest liar in the State. I told him that I did not hanker after such a reputation, and that I would leave it with only the half told.

I can say without fear of costradiction that it is the easiest and cheapest crop raised, and one of the most valuable. It only requires 2500 feet of cane to plant an acre, which can be bought for \$5. Once planted, it is planted for six or eight years or more -I do not know how many, but will if I live long enough; and it produces nearly double the tonnage per acre the second year from stubble than the first year from seed, and the expense of cultivation the second year is less than half the first, as all of the work is done with horse and sweep. No hand hoeing is necessary. It comes the nearest to being a lazy man's crop that I have ever seen, but I am not recommending it for the lazy man, for they seldom make a success of anything.

Do not think that it is a crop that does not require cultivating, for it does require a good deal of intelligent cultivating to produce the best esults, which we should all strive for. If the season is very dry, fre quent cultivation is necessary. 1 cultivated my field last season during of enduring extreme cold, has been the dry weather, and each week I would go over my field of four acres with a sweep in one-half day; so it was not very expensive, but the results were most gratifying to me.

If this article consisting of facts from my personal experience, and written in my plain way, should eatch the eye of but one of the readers of your valuable paper, and become the means of starting him on the right and high road to prosperity and happiness, which are close companions, I shall feel that I have not spent my time in vain .- H. G. Fogg in Tampa Tribune.

Good Things in Florida Fruits.

The majority of our settlers have taken around with them in fond remembrance the fruits of the old gardens and orehards of their former homes, and many a qualm of homesickness is due to their failure and their absence from the newly founded home. Yet there is a wide range of excellent truits, of tropical and semi-tropical growth, that can be successfully cultivated in this country that would go a long way toward filling this "aching void," and induce the tranquil contentment of a substitution for the favorites of childhood and the satisfaction of the higher

esthetic appetite of our nature. We believe that an intelligent, painstaking horticulturist could soon surround his home with fruits of such rich and varied character as would enable him to institute a comparison with fruits of other sections of the union that would not be inviduous to Florida.

But just let us inquire a little what can be done toward propagating some of our northern favorites southward down in the peninsula. Peach trees have been grown on Merritt's Island that attained a diameter often to 12 inches and were loaded down with finely and attractively colored' fruit. It is reported on high authority that good peaches have been grown for two years past at Miami. At Dade City a well known nurseryman has grown peaches for several years, and has now on hand a seedling of choice quality that fruited as late as August 15. We have eaten white seedling peaches grown in the vicinity of this town that were above medium both in size and flavor. The Peento and the Red Ceylon succeed further south than other varieties, but peaches fully adapted to extreme south Florida

have yet to be developed. The locally famous Bolton grape grows and bears luxuriantly at Miami, and would probably do equally as well on the western coast. It

flourishes even at Key West. Of plums, the Excelsior, a Japanees seedling, and of pears, the Cincincis.

worth much. Figs will bear far down the peninvation, and had everything to learn, sula, but must be fertilized well

Now, as to the fruits which come up from the other directions. These Ny success was so tatisfactory that case with which the guava has been I increased my little patch to four grown, together with the excellent acres last spring, and I am now one and varied range of its abundant and of the most enthusiastic cultivators fragrant fruit has, with acclimated "Not a cartridge left and all dead!" of the Japanese sugar cane, I think, people, superseded the longing for said the captain as he came out, with in the State, and I have good and the peach and the apple of the north. ufficient reasons for being so, for my All jests aside, the guava is a fruit of intrinsic merit which will win

The pineapple, with a moderate protection, may be fairly counted among the household resourses half way up the peninsula; absolutely certain to bear every year if protected during the few cold snaps, and, at any rate, even if neglected, is sure to give a crop as the peach in the north. An eighth of an acre would suffice for an ordinary family. and the protection of this area would

the Florida Agriculturist. PUNTA GORDA HIGH SCHOOL. Report for the week ending Nov.

not be too heavy burden for any

fruit-loving family to carry .- From

First grade department-Enrollment 79, average attendance....49.2 Second grade department-Enrollment 45, average attendance...... 39 Third grade department-Enrollment 40, average attendance..... 31.4 Fourth grade department-Enrollment 27, average attendance......18 Fifth and Sixth grade department Enrollment 32, average attendance

High School department-Enrollment 19, average attendance.....158 General average attendance...182.2 Total Enrollment......242

M. H. SMITH, Principal.

A Hardy Orange At Last The department of agriculture has

for years been trying to produce an orange that will withstand the cold waves that have devastated the groves of Florida twice in the last decade, says the Fruitman's Guide. Herbert S. Webber, of the department, is now ready to announce that he has developed an erange that can be grown 200 miles further north than the varieties hitherto commonly grown in Florida. He has accomplished this by crossing the Japanese trifoliate orange, an ornamental tree,

produced .- East Coast Advocate. Gentlemen may cry peace, peace, but there is no peace in the national democratic party; it is all pieces.

with the common varieties suc-

cessively, until a fine fruit, capable

The plant of the Land Pebble Phosphate Co. near Lakeland was destroyed by fire last week; loss \$250,000; insurance not reported.

A dearly beloved exchange claims in big letters that it "uses the Associated Press Service." So do weafter the big dailies get through with